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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Serial Number: New Patent Application

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For: VALVES ENABLING A LIQUID TO BE DIRECTED IN A DIAGNOSTIC CHART,
DIAGNOSTIC CHARTS AND DIAGNOSTIC DEVICE COMPRISING SEVERAL
CHARTS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each document is attached.

The listed documents were cited in a search report for the corresponding PCT Application. A copy of the PCT search report is attached, and satisfies the concise explanation requirement for the non-English document because the search report (1) is in English and (2) indicates the degree of relevance found by the International Searching Authority.

The attention of the Patent Office is also drawn to the following copending, commonly assigned patent applications:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Title</u>
09/936,079	11/7/2001	PUMPING DEVICE FOR TRANSFERRING AT LEAST A FLUID INTO A CONSUMABLE

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09/936,076	11/9/2001	DEVICE AND METHOD FOR POSITIONING A LIQUID
09/936,027	11/13/2001	TEST SAMPLE CARD FILLED IN COMBINATION WITH AT LEAST A BUFFER SUPPLY
09/936,078	11/13/2001	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FLUID TRANSFER BY SEVERAL CENTRIFUGING OPERATIONS
09/936,077	12/3/2001	APPARATUS ENABLING LIQUID TRANSFER BY CAPILLARY ACTION THEREIN

Still another application was filed on December 13, 2001 entitled DEVICE FOR IMPLEMENTING AN ANALYSIS PACK, ANALYSIS PACK AND METHOD USING SAME under attorney docket No. BONN-070.

One or more of these copending, commonly-assigned applications may be directed to related technical matter. This identification is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to the cited applications now or upon publication of the present application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination of this application.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the last of (1) issuance of a first official action on the merits and (2) expiration of the three month period following filing of the this application. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 for any fee

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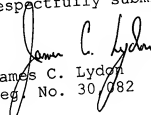
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